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Shoot-out: Gangster's family members in city

Family records statement before Magistrate, Additional Tahsildar

Mysuru, May 18 (RK&BCT)- The family members of Sukhwinder Singh alias Durgesh from Faridkot in Punjab arrived in city this morning and recorded their statements before a Magistrate and Additional Tahsildar. Sukhwinder was shot dead by Vijayanagar Inspector B.G. Kumar near S.V. Apartments on Hebbal Ring Road on May 16.

Sukhwinder's uncle and his two friends came to the mortuary of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMCR&I) at around 10.15 am. Sukhwinder's body has been kept at the mortuary and an inquest was performed. As per the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court and National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in Police encounter or shoot-out cases, the presence of a Magistrate and a Government official of the rank of a Tahsildar is mandatory during the inquest process.

Accordingly, Fifth Additional First Class Magistrate (Junior Division) Bheemappa S. Poul and Additional Tahsildar Chandrakanth were present during the inquest. Later, the family members recorded their statements before the Magistrate and the Additional Tahsildar.

(See GANGSTER on page 13)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled "Is there a God? Ask Stephen Hawking." —Ed

LS Polls 2019: Final phase voting tomorrow

New Delhi, May 18 (UNI)- The seventh and final phase of voting in the Lok Sabha (LS) Election 2019 is set to take place on Sunday, May 19, in 59 constituencies across seven States and one Union Territory. Over 10 crore voters will decide the fate of 912 candidates.

Voting will take place in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand and Union Territory of Chandigarh.

In Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, voting will take place in a few Lok Sabha constituencies. The Varanasi Lok Sabha seat, from where Prime Minister Narendra Modi is seeking to be re-elected, is one of the key seats that will vote in Phase 7.

Other key candidates to watch out for are Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, veteran actress Kirron Kher, Union Minister and SAD leader Harsimrat Kaur Badal and actor-turned-politician Sunny Deol.

These 59 constituencies will vote from 7 am to 6 pm in most States except in Jharkhand and parts of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, where voting will end early at 4 pm. All votes polled in the 2019 Lok Sabha Election will be counted on May 23.

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Re-engineering *engineering*

In the backdrop of Korea hosting a population comprising citizens identified by a most common name, it is humorously said that if you toss a stone in the streets of that country, it is most likely to land on the head of a *Lee*. In a similar vein, it can be said, even seriously, that if you shake hands with a Bengalurean, you are most likely doing so with a *software engineer*. The term *engineer*, with its classical meaning as 'to design and build something' has lately come to mean much more, some of which may make the elderly fraternity feel disconnected with the modern world. Sales engineer, sound engineer, lighting engineer and so on are the modern professionals emerging out of the erstwhile set of civil engineer, mechanical engineer and electrical engineer, not to forget chemical engineer, who dominated the broad field of *engineering* until not too long ago. Courses offered by institutions for training youth in the newly emerging *branches* of engineering seem to be favoured in preference to the time-honoured branches.

Engineers who graduated from the institutions in the erstwhile Princely State of Mysore in the three or four broad branches of engineering mentioned above during the years before independence, a section among them identified as *Mysore engineers*, earned a niche for themselves by virtue of their track record in building industries, laying roads, constructing dams and so not only in the country but also abroad, which have endured to this day. Accolades are hard to be bestowed on their present day counterparts.

Both engineering graduates and institutions offering courses in various branches of the field are no longer a rarity, unlike in days past. Their number being counted in hundreds across many States seems to have brought down the lofty image that engineers enjoyed decades ago. The feature of more than a lakh engineering graduates from the country's colleges annually, more than half of them not landing a job befitting their years of education, mirrors their poor credentials. More disheartening is the reported verdict of the country's industrial circles that nearly 80 per cent of the engineering graduates are not employable in their establishments. Add to this is the fact that a majority of graduates from the prestigious IITs (15 of them in the country) prefer to leave the country's shores seeking greener pastures abroad.

India's most loved profession needs a reality check, as rightly opined by those who are keen observers of the current yawning gap between pedagogy and advance, in technology globally. The watchword for both the faculty of institutions offering engineering courses and their students is 'If you chase perfection, you can catch excellence' attributed to Vincent Thomas Lombardi (1913–1970), an outstanding sportsperson of America.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

It's time for all those part of the education system to think back to the basics: what do we really want from this system? In the 1960s, obtaining a first class (60% or higher) was considered a high achievement. Today, even 90% marks is considered inadequate. So, have the children of the present generation become brighter by leaps and bounds compared to children of earlier generation? Most successful students enroll in tuition classes, thanks to parental and peer pressure. The extreme competition to get affordable merit seats, in good technical colleges, is at the root of the issue. Tutorial institutions have mushroomed everywhere to cater to this demand for high marks. *— S. Ramasesha in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man jailed for giving illegal names to his dogs

Beijing: A dog breeder in eastern China was sentenced to 10 days in a detention center after giving two of his dogs controversial names that refer to Chinese government and civil service workers.

The 30-year-old man, surnamed Ban, was summoned by Police after posting on Chinese social network that he had named two of his dogs Chengguan and Xieguan. The first refers to officials tasked with tackling low-level crime, while the second is a name used to describe informal community workers, such as traffic assistants. Ban said that he didn't know using the two words as names for his dogs was illegal, and that he had done it as a joke, but Police failed to see the humor and launched an investigation after the man's post went viral online.

News of the man's arrest sent shocks across the internet, and while some argued that he had been "asking for it" with his provocative comments, most social media users expressed their outrage over the cause of the conviction.

'Game of Thrones' spoiler insurance launched

London: Endsleigh Insurance Services has launched its "Spoiler Cover" package, which allows Game of Thrones fans to receive financial compensation for plotlines ruined by friends, family or social media.

With the HBO series' grand finale expected to air in the UK on Monday, May 20, a full 19 hours after the final episode airs in the United States, the chances of plot leaks ruining fans' viewing experience are pretty high. One insurance company came up with the idea of appeasing disgruntled fans by offering them financial compensation up to the sum of £100 per person if they accidentally fall victim to spoilers or unwanted plot reveals.

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

What foods are most likely to be contaminated?

Foods with the highest likelihood of contamination are: Raw sprouts, pre-cut fruit, raw eggs, any non-pasteurised foods, rare steak and oysters. When you eat raw oysters, you ingest the bacteria that they take in. Cooking oysters reduces risk.

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Vocal concert at N.R. Mohalla Temple on May 25

Mysuru, May 18- N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust has organised a vocal concert by **Vidushi Vidya Kalyana Raman** of Chennai on May 25 (Saturday) at 6.30 pm at Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathi Temple, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla.

She will be accompanied by **Vid. C.N. Thyagarajan** on violin, **Vid. H.L. Shivashankara Swamy** on mridanga and **Vid. Raghunandan Rao** on ghata. The event is sponsored by Dr. K. Savithri and Kannada & Culture Department.

Profile: Vidya Kalyana Raman, an 'A' Grade artiste of All India Radio, Chennai, had her initial training under the tutelage of Vidu. Padma Sandilyan for nearly 10 years and subsequently under Vidu. Suguna Varadachary from the year 2005.

She had the privilege of rendering a music performance at the Rashtrapathi Bhavan, New Delhi in the presence of the then President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. She has performed in various Sabhas both in India and abroad. She also served as the President of the Youth Association of Classical Music during 2005-2007.

She has bagged a number of Awards from various institutions and Sabhas like the Music Academy, Krishna Gana Sabha, Barath Kalachar, Indian Fine Arts, apart from getting various scholarships from the Government.

Really...?

- ***Dr. Samuel A. Mudd was the Physician who set the leg of Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, and whose shame created the expression for ignominy: "His name is Mudd."***
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VOICE OF THE READER

Conduct safety audit of Parks to make it child-friendly

Sir,

With reference to the ***Weekend Star Supplement*** dated Apr.27 **"FITNESS FOR FREE"**, the efforts of the Mysuru City Corporation in introducing outdoor gym is praiseworthy. However, maintenance issues are not taken care of. It is true even with the play equipment of children play area in some of the parks. These pose great risk for the safety of kids. For instance, the metal slides of Brindavan Extension Park have huge defects *(see pic.)* and is in a rusty condition, which can cause serious injury to the children.

Despite providing wonderful opportunities for fun, exercise and recreation, parks can be a hazardous place when safety is ignored. Hope the authorities concerned will conduct a safety audit of all the public parks and take necessary action so that our parks are safer for the little ones.

—Smitha Shetty

Brindavan Extension 14.5.2019

Free health check-up camp

Mysuru, May 18- City's Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha in association with NJS Charitable Trust will conduct a free health, eye and dental check-up camp at Sri Kanti Mallanna Kalyana Mandira on Kabir road (near Mandi Police Station), at 9.30 am on May 21. Members of public make avail of the camp. For details, call: 99161-55453.

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No Rain Water Harvesting Unit yet? Shell out 25% fine on bill

Mysuru, May 18- Not implementing Rain Water Harvesting at home may land you in a soup forcing you to pay a fine till you harvest rain water. MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag has ordered her officers to penalise violators.

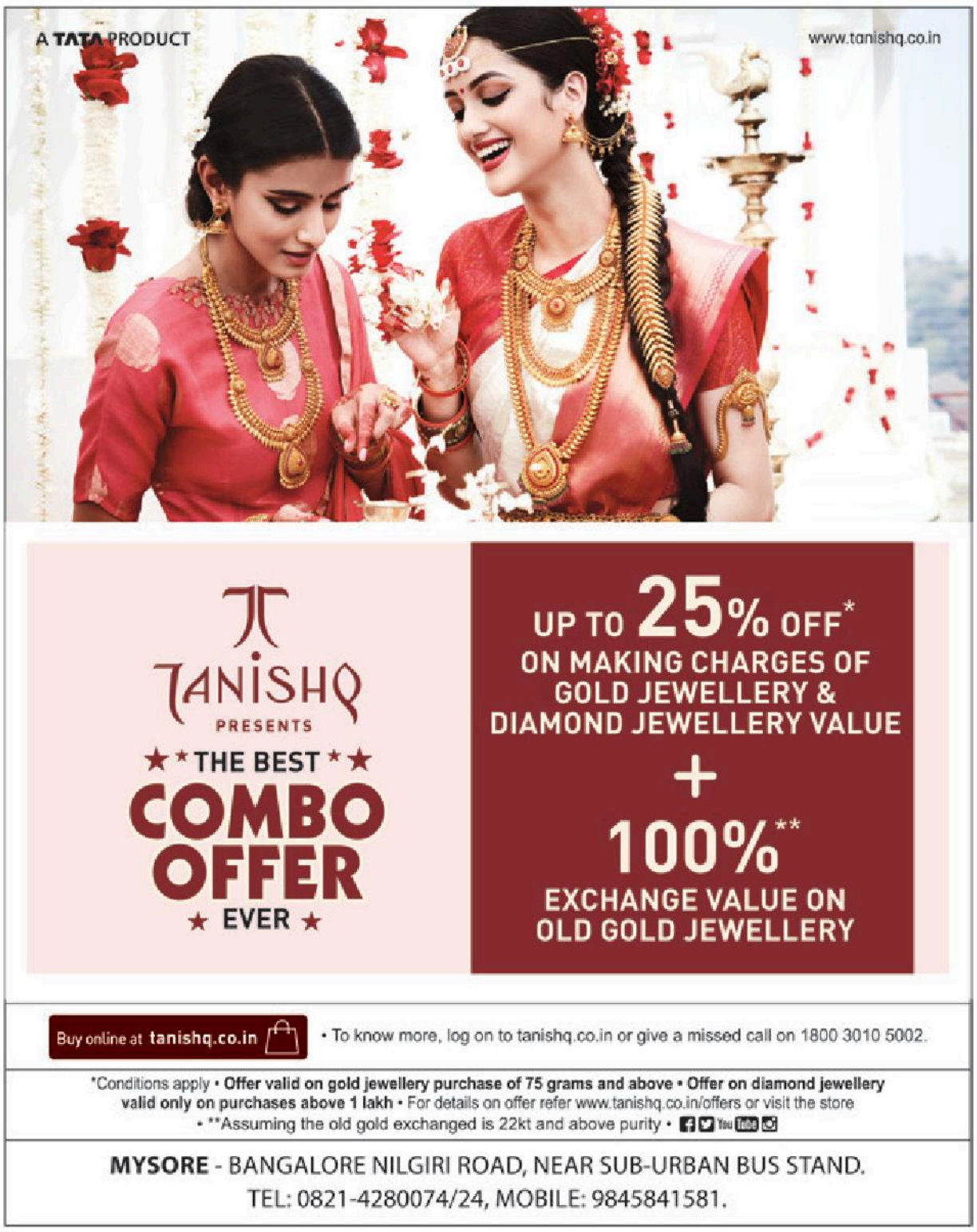
As per the order, houses and buildings that have been built in an area of 50X80 and above must mandatorily have Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) facility. All kinds of buildings including houses, residential complexes, apartments, commercial structures and government offices come under this category and they must have RWH mechanism.

Houses and buildings that do not have RWH facility will have to pay additional 5 percent of water bill till five months and if there is non-compliance, 25 percent of the water bill will be levied as fine after five-month deadline.

Many properties will face penalties and a majority of those who will incur penalty are structures that are above 30x40 in dimension with no buffer space in their compounds, constructed in violation of building by-laws. However, lack of buffer zone is no limitation for RWH. Residences can even use their water sumps for RWH, said MCC officials. "We are doing our job by imposing a penalty. It is now up to the citizens to implement RWH. There are several good examples in city where people are implementing RWH. We are encouraging this further and identifying best practices, so that others can follow the same," the officials added.

According to MCC officials, a RWH system can reduce water dependency by at least 25,000 litres per month for a house on a 1,200 square feet plot. At present, over 250 MLD (million litres per day) water is pumped from Cauvery and Kabini to fulfil the needs of Mysuru.

MCC had in July last made it mandatory for all constructions above 30X40 to have the facility but there is little compliance by residents. "People have been making excuses and not implementing RWH, even as underground water levels are depleting. So we have decided to bring in this penalty regime," they said.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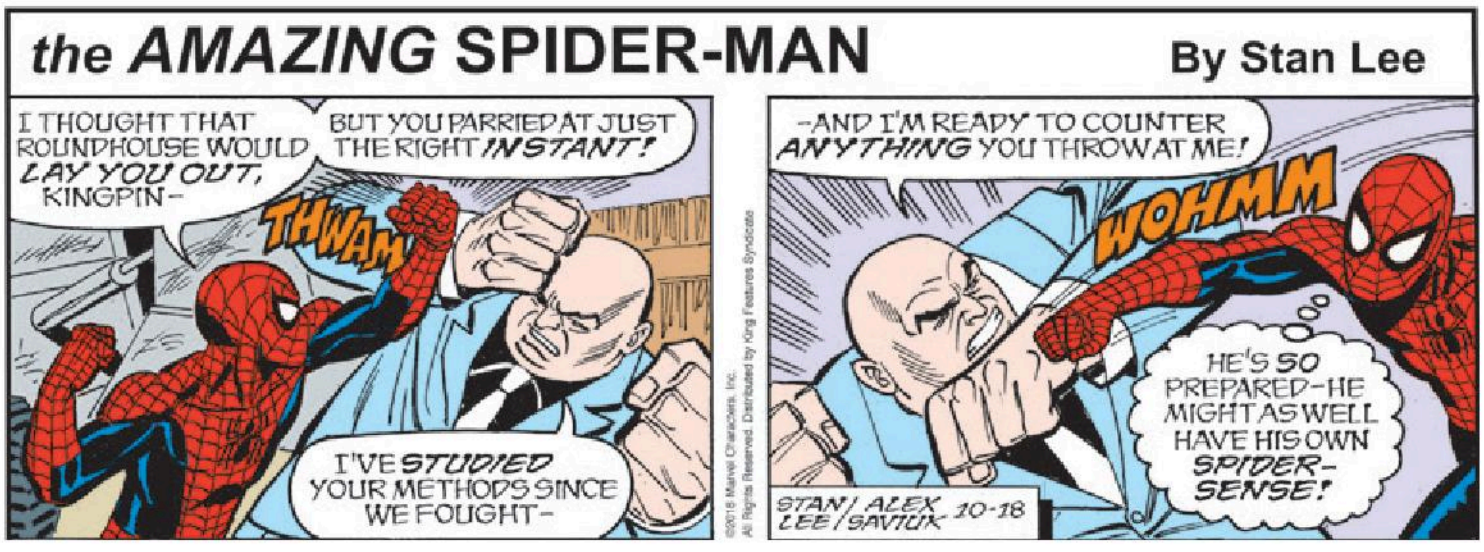
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NEWS BRIEFS

Bird-watching

Bird-watching for public will be held between 7 am and 10 am at Kukkarahalli Lake on Sunday (May 19). The meeting point is lake entrance, opposite Senate Bhavana. Entry is free. Participants may bring a notebook, pen, cap and water. For details, contact Mob: 94805-66516.

Zoo open on Tuesday

Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) and Karanji Lake Nature Park will be kept open for public on Tuesday (May 21) on account of summer holidays to the educational institutions, according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

D.Ed admission

District Institute for Education and Training (DIET) has invited applications from candidates for admission to D.Ed course at Government and unaided recognised Private Teachers Training Institutes under the Government quota. The candidates should have passed second PUC with 50% marks for general category and 45% for SC/ ST/ Disabled category. The last date to apply online is May 28. For details, log on to www.schooleducation.kar.nic.in

Public action

A total of 176 old tyres, 94 tubes and old spare parts of various types of vehicles, five empty oil barrels and 418 litres of burnt oil belonging to the City Police Commissionerate, will be publicly auctioned in the premises of the office of the Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), CAR, located behind the Race Course, at 11 am on May 24, according to a press release.

Obituary

Farook Fathima Lubna

Mysuru, May 18- Farook Fathima Lubna, wife of late Syed Abdul Razak Rafeeq, Wimco Distributor, Santhepet, Mysuru, passed away in Madeena Munawwara, Saudi Arabia.

She had been to perform Umrah along with her brother and three daughters. She was buried there at Jannat-ul-Baqee beside Masjid-e-Nabuvi.

She leaves behind her three daughters and a host of relatives. She is the sister-in-law of Syed Shafi Ahmed, President, Anjuman-e-Hadeeqatul Adab.

Take measures to tackle drinking water problem in villages: GTD

District Minister G.T. Devegowda, who held a meeting at ZP Hall on Thursday, is seen with DC Abhiram G. Sankar, Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, ZP CEO K. Jyothi and MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaj.

Mysuru, May 18 (SBD&DM)- Announcing that he will be touring the district once the LS Polls Model Code of Conduct gets over, District Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has warned that action will be taken against officials for any laxity in addressing drinking water woes in villages.

Presiding over a meeting of officials at the ZP Hall here on Thursday, GTD said that Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who addressed DCs and ZP CEOs of all districts through a video conference on Wednesday, had directed them to take all necessary measures for tackling drinking water problem in villages. Accordingly, the officials in Mysuru district too must act and address drinking water issues, especially in villages.

Stating that he was told by DC Abhiram G. Sankar that the District Administration has Rs.21 crore for taking up drought relief measures, the Minister said that every taluk in the district has been released up to Rs.50 lakh to tackle drought.

Expressing disappointment that officials had failed in the appropriate use of this fund, Devegowda attributed the drinking water problems at Hinkal and Tavarekatte to official apathy.

Asking the ACs, Tahsildars, EOs and other Revenue Officials to visit villages, he instructed the Administration to make a list of villages which have received scanty rainfall and to clear Water Tanker bills.

Stating that there were complaints on bogus Water Tanker bills, the Minister said that he will press for an exclusive Water Authority for Mysuru.

Continuing, Devegowda said that there were complaints on the working of Watermen at Hinkal and other places and as such the apathetic Watermen must be replaced by someone who have genuine concerns for addressing water problems.

The Minister also directed the officials to submit a proposal on the additional number of Overhead Tanks required for the district.

Mysuru Taluk EO Lingaraju said that a few houses in Hinkal have large-sized pipes, which has hindered water supply to other homes in the locality. The EO further said that the Watermen have been tasked to see that these large pipes are removed.

Pointing out that it was the responsibility of MUDA to ensure drinking water supply to layouts formed by it, he said that the MUDA turning away from its responsibility was not correct.

Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh took the officials to task for failing to utilise funds released by the Government for addressing drought.

'No problem for people of Kodagu this monsoon'

Later speaking to reporters, Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, who is also Kodagu District Incharge Minister, said that the people of Kodagu need not panic over floods as the Disaster Management Department has not predicted any natural calamity this monsoon.

Noting that Mysuru and Bengaluru will get drinking water if it rains in Kodagu, Mahesh said that good rains was vital for Kodagu and neighbouring districts.

Pointing out that Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and CLP leader Siddharamaiah had visited Kodagu and stayed there for a couple of days, Mahesh maintained that with their stay, the leaders have sent a message that Kodagu is safe for tourists.

The Minister also appealed not to make unnecessary speculations on the impact of monsoon rains in Kodagu.

Vijayapura woman Congress leader found dead

Reshma Padekanur

Vijayapura, May 18- A 36-year-old woman Congress leader of Vijayapura was found dead under mysterious circumstances under a Krishna River Bridge in the district early on Friday.

Reshma Padekanur of Vijayapura is the deceased.

Resham, who was the Vijayapura District JD(S) President for years, had joined the Congress ahead of last year's Assembly elections, after the JD(S) denied ticket to her to contest from Vijayapura Assembly segment.

Her body was found under the Krishna River Bridge at Kolhar near Vijayapura.

The Police suspect that Reshma may have been murdered and the body thrown under the bridge. Reshma is said to have left her home in a car along with an AIMIM leader from Maharashtra on Thursday night, it is learnt.

Former Belagavi MLA Sambhaji Patil no more

Sambhaji Patil

Belagavi, May 18- Former Belgavi South MLA Sambhaji Patil (68) passed away at a Private Hospital in Belagavi last night following brief illness.

Sambhaji Patil, a former MES (Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti) MLA, had also served as Mayor of Belagavi City Corporation for four terms in 1990, 1992, 1999 and 2003, thus creating a record of sorts.

His 38-year-old son had died after accidentally falling off from a train near Bengaluru a few months ago, it is learnt.

One killed, another injured in road accident

Mysuru, May 18 (RK&SR)- A pedestrian died and another was injured when they were knocked down by a over-speeding bike rider in an accident that took place near Bendaravadi village on Mysuru- Malavalli Road near Bannur on Thursday night.

The deceased has been identified as Maraiah (60) of Bendaravadi village and the injured Marigowda is recovering at K.R. Hospital. Bannur Police have registered a case.

Former Mayor Lingappa bereaved

Putteeramma

Mysuru, May 18- Putteeramma (85), wife of late Pailwan K. Ramanna and a resident of K.G. Koppal, passed away at a private hospital in city yesterday.

She leaves behind three sons, including former Mayor R. Lingappa, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at K.G. Koppal burial ground this afternoon, according to family sources.

Former MLA Vasu, S.M. Krishna Fans Association President Vikrant P. Devegowda and several other political leaders have condoled her death.

House items destroy in fire mishap

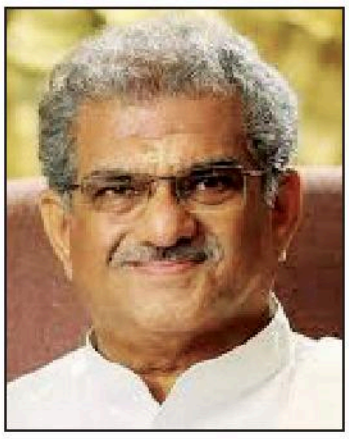
Mysuru, May 18 (SPN&SR)- House items worth Rs.25,000 were destroyed in a fire caused by short circuit at a house belonging to Chinnaswamy located on sixth main road at Hanumanthanagar in city yesterday, according to Bannimantap Fire Officer Shivaswamy.

Upon receiving the information, Fire personnel rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire.

The Fire Department personnel Dhananjay, Manjunath, Ravishankar, S. Puttasubba, R.S. Mahesh and others took part in the operation.

No water in Nethravathi

Visit Dharmasthala after crisis eases



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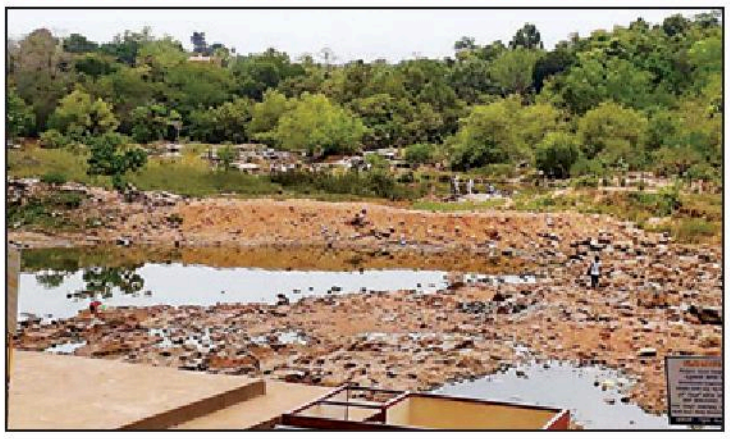

Dharmasthala, May 18- With Dakshina Kannada and Udupi in the grip of a severe water crisis this summer, the Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala, headed by Dharmadhikari Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade, has requested pilgrims to temporarily postpone their visit to the temple town.

The Dharmasthala Sri Manjunatha Swamy Temple, located in the foothills of the Western Ghats in Beltangady Taluk of Dakshina Kannada district, draws thousands of pilgrims from various parts of the country, including VVIPs and Ministers. The number of pilgrims increases during the weekends and vacations and the temple provides boarding and lodging to those who need them. This in turn, requires a huge amount of water every day.

But with no inflow into the Nethravathi River and the dam in Dharmasthala drying up fast, the temple town located on the banks of the river Nethravathi is facing a water crisis. Seeing no other option the temple Dharmadhikari has requested pilgrims to put off their visit. Explaining the reason for his unusual request, the Dharmadhikari pointed out that water was being rationed with the inflow into the Nethravathi decreasing every day. "A huge amount of water is needed for the use of pilgrims who come to Dharmasthala. So we request devotees to postpone their visit by a few days," he said in his letter.

The temple administration has been taking water conservation measures for years, using only treated water for its plantation and garden near its college campus. Of late, it has also been advising shop-keepers in Dharmasthala not to waste water by using it to clean their doorsteps.

But despite such measures, the temple town is facing one of its worst water crises this summer. And with water rationing, the people receive their supply only two or three times a week, leaving them short of it for the rest.

Monthly medical allowance for C&D Group employees hiked

Mysuru, May 18 - The monthly medical allowance for Group C and D staff has been increased from Rs.100 to Rs.200 with effect from Jan 1, 2019 as per recommendations of Sixth Pay Commission, according to revised Government Order issued by State Economic Affairs Department Deputy Secretary.

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JK Tyre sales crosses Rs. 10K crore, clocks 24% rise during FY19

New Delhi, May 18 (UNI) - Indian tyre industry major JK Tyre & Industries Limited (JKTIL) has announced its results for Financial Year (FY) ending 31st March 2019 and stated that sales registered at Rs.10,370 crore for the year grew by 24 per cent. The factory has a presence in Mysuru at Metagalli.

While Operating Profit for the year at Rs. 1,196 crore was 35 per cent higher. The statement also added that PBT (Profit Before Tax) for the year was Rs. 270 crore on a consolidated basis. While Q4 sales at Rs. 2,706 crores grew by 18 per cent over the corresponding period.

Dr. Raghupati Singhania, Chairman and Managing Director of the Company said, "FY19 was indeed a landmark year for the company. JK Tyre sales crossed the Rs.10,000 crore-mark while achieving a robust growth of 24 percent over the previous year, surpassing the industry growth. Despite Q4 profitability being impacted due to high raw material prices, the operating margins for the year as a whole increased by 35 percent."

JK Tyre volumes grew by 20 percent despite a slowdown in the automotive sector in the second half of the year. The Company could enhance its market presence across categories, led by the high capacity utilisation of Cavendish, the recently acquired subsidiary of the Company. This also resulted in higher PBT for the year.

Dr. Singhania in a statement added, "The Company continues to maintain its leadership position in India's Truck/Bus Radial tyres segment. Capacity expansion of truck/bus radials undertaken at Cavendish will help the Company further bolster its position in this segment."

Furthermore, the sales of 2-3 wheeler segments grew by over 40 percent and the Company has established itself as a recognised player in this segment as well, which it entered only recently.

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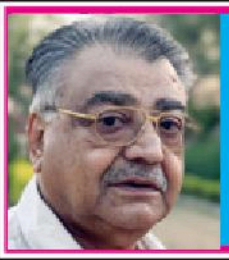

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Is there a God? Ask Stephen Hawking

A few days back a family friend came to visit us after many years and while leaving gave me a gift, a book. To my surprise it was a book by **Stephen Hawking,** the physically challenged world famous Cosmologist and Physicist, who answers big questions. Brief answers to the big questions numbering 10.

Though I am many light years away from Science and Cosmology, I decided to honour Stephen Hawking by browsing the book. Finally, I settled to find answer to the biggest question of all and also the first question: **Is there a God?**

Stephen Hawking

Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev

Gaur Gopal Das

To Albert Einstein, knowing the mind of God is knowing the law of nature. Here, Hawking's prediction is that **"We will know the mind of God by the end of this century."**

The very first sentence is an invitation to the clash of wisdom between Science and Religion. It is absolutely unlike the clash of dogmatism and ignorance between various religions. Here in the clash of wisdom between Science and Religion, we get **enlightened** and we are taken nearer to truth. **Unfortunately, in the clash of dogmatism and ignorance between various religions, we are taken deeper into the abysmal depths of ignorance and self-destruction.**

That all important first sentence reads: **"Science is increasingly answering questions that used to be the province of Religion."**

We know, irrespective of the religion we follow, for centuries our questions like, **Why is man and woman created? Why are we here? Where did we come from? We got the same answer — God made everything. It was His wish.**

In **Brahmasutra,** there is a question which should hit any wise man like a bullet. The question is: **Why did God create the world?** Undoubtedly the question pre-supposes an unscientific premise that it was God who created us. Whatever it be, the answer is also in the *Brahmasutra,* but in the form of a question leaving one rather perplexed; it begs another question. The answer: **Why does a child play?** Apparently the child has no purpose. Likewise, God created this world without purpose but the question remains — **But why?**

According to Stephen Hawking, nowadays, though Science provides better answers, people will always cling to answers emanating from Religion because it gives comfort and they do not trust or understand Science.

When telephone was invented and a proposal was made to introduce it in Saudi Arabia, the priests cautioned the Sheikh of danger. Only after verses from the *Holy Quran* were recited and found communicated correctly, phones were introduced in Saudi Arabia. But then, those were the times of blind religious belief and superstition.

Hawking says he does not want to prove or disprove the existence of God. He merely wants to find a rational framework to understand the universe around us. **According to him, many disabled people like himself believe they were living under a curse (because of their past *karma)* inflicted by God.** Hawking says he would attribute that disability to the **Laws of Nature** and adds, "If you like you can say the laws are the work of God." However, it is no proof of God's existence.

He says, in about 300 BC, a philosopher (ancient Greek astronomer and mathematician) called Aristarchus wanted to find out whether the belief of the people that eclipses were caused by Gods is the Truth. He studied the heavens (sky) carefully and concluded that eclipse was really the shadow of the Earth passing over the Moon. God has no role in it and therefore it is not a Divine event.

Discovering nature's law will tell mankind more about the universe and no need for a God for this purpose. Anyway, God is not going to be our teacher if he is there at all. **He says, the laws of nature cannot be broken even with the power of Religion or its God. When there are laws of nature to guide the universe, what role is there for God?** asks Hawking.

Therefore, he says, "One could define God as an embodiment of the laws of nature." **If we look at the vast size of the universe, we will realise how insignificant and accidental human life in it is, no matter to the devout follower of a religion it might seem most implausible.**

To Albert Einstein, knowing the mind of God is knowing the law of nature. Here, Hawking's prediction is that **"We will know the mind of God by the end of this century."** Much as I would wish all of us are alive at the time predicted by Hawking, the lifespan of humans being what it is, only very few might remain to experience his prediction, if it comes true, that is.

In India, we have any number of Gods bearing eponymous names and also names derived from nature. Apart from these divinities and deities, we have **spiritual persons** some of them known as Godmen with huge following. The most famous or notorious one known all over the world was, of course, **Osho Rajneesh.** I was privileged to hear his live discourses by being physically present. At present, the most talkative and articulate Godman, who flaunts his mastery of flawless English language, who can talk on any subject under the sun, is **Isha Foundation's Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev,** the Mysuru man, presiding over a huge Ashram and temple complex in Coimbatore, South India. He is sought after by the high and mighty as also the celebrities of the world. No wonder, he was invited to lecture at the World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland.

While reading Stephen Hawking's book, I remembered the Sadhguru being interviewed by no less a person than the **Oscar-winning Film Director Shekhar Kapur** with a few questions on life and death. Shekhar Kapur was rather apologetic when he said, "I am going to ask you a **silly** question, please bear with me..." Sadhguru's response was, "No, I am used to silly questions." Questions cannot be **wrong,** only answers can be wrong, Sadhguru once said, at Davos. Going by that logic, the questions cannot also be silly. Only answers !!

Anyway, let me mention the questions asked by Shekhar Kapur: **What happens to one's life energy once the body is gone? Do I still exist as 'I'? Do I have a soul? Is there reincarnation...? Is there INDIVIDUALITY after death or does this 'I' lose its IDENTITY and become a part of the larger Universe?**

Interestingly, this question has a taunting, a teasing tailender. Shekhar Kapur: "Would you answer these questions for me so I can tell people I am quite wise now?" **The session goes on apparently without any seriousness.** At one point, Sadhguru says, "Some things you know best only by experience." Apparently, this means, if one wants to know what happens after death, one must die!

When I was in college, I had heard that nobody knows the taste of *Cyanide,* a chemical which causes instant death even as it touches the tongue. A Scientist experimented on himself keeping a piece of paper and pen to write down the taste before he died. But he died instantaneously, even before he could record the taste.

Therefore, it is not surprising the Sadhguru told Shekhar Kapur, "You are not ready for the experience. You just want to know for entertainment..." The question and answer seemed to me like a spider's web where Shekhar Kapur got caught like a fly, only the spider did not devour him. Sadhguru spoke of physical body and the subtle body. He tells the Film Director, "When the physical body falls, the subtle or etheric body is still on," with *karma* stored etc. etc.

All the time, I was waiting for answers to Shekhar Kapur's questions.

Well, the programme ends open-ended with poor Shekhar Kapur not getting the answers but getting a concluding remark: "We are going into areas which need much more elaboration to be properly understood, that is why we usually joke about it and skip it."

Here I am reminded of the question I posed to **Gaur Gopal Das,** an engineer-turned-motivational speaker and now part of ISKCON, who was in city during March 2019. He had told the audience only God is perfect and all of us are imperfect. **My question: If God is perfect, why this perfect God created this imperfect world?"**

It apparently sounded like the primordial question agitating the mind of man. There was instant audience attention — Hmmm... Swamiji produced a broad smile exposing his gleaming teeth from molar to molar. There was an instant hush. Then Swamiji began narrating a similar interaction between a Professor and his student who asked the question **"Have you seen the God?"** etc., etc.

Gopal Das then came near me and asked: **"Are you satisfied?"** I said, NO. "We will discuss this another day," he said and moved on to take another question.

Well, I guess, therein lies the mystery of God. We can only ask the question Stephen Hawking asked in his book: What happened before the beginning? What was God doing before He made the world? Was He preparing Hell for people who ask such questions?

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Handicraft Expo begins at JSS Urban Haat

Additional Deputy Commissioner G. Anuradha inaugurating the exhibition-cum-sale of handicrafts at JSS Mysore Urban Haat in Hebbal Industrial Area in city yesterday as JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath and others look on.

Mysuru, May 18 (SPN&NNN)- The ten-day exhibition-cum-sale of handicrafts organised at the JSS Urban Haat, Hebbal, from May 17 to 26 was inaugurated by Additional Deputy Commissioner G. Anuradha, yesterday.

The Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Government of India (GoI), Ministry of Textiles, GoI, is sponsoring this exhibition. Artisans from across the country including National and State awardees are exhibiting and selling their attractive traditional and heritage artefacts at this exhibition which is open from 10 am to 9 pm.

Speaking after inaugurating the exhibition, Anuradha said that in this exhibition, artists from different parts of the country are participating and hence tourists and visitors must encourage them by buying their products.

JSS Mahvidhyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath said that apart from artists from different districts in Karnataka, artisans from Jammu and Kashmir, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh were also participating.

In the exhibition-cum-sale mela, the following items will be available— Soft, Kashmir shawls, Kashidkari, embroidery dresses and ornaments, Odisha's Dogra carvings, Punjabi Phulkari/Patiyala Suits, Bhagalpur Tassar Silk sarees/duppatta, Bastar Iron Craft from Madhya Pradesh, Horn Products, Grass Mats/ Curtains, Jaipur Kurthas & Raprons, Kanjivaram Silk Sarees, Ilakal Kasuthi and Molakalmur sarees of Karnataka, Jute bags, Tassur silk sarees, Kantha stitch sarees, Banaras sarees and Dress Materials, Boutique sarees and Dress, Bengali Cotton sarees, Kashmir Handlooms, Wood Carving and furniture from Saharanpur, Wood Inlay, Chicken Embroidery, Modern Arts Murals ceramic, Madhubani Painting, Rajasthan Miniature Paintings, Rajasthan Embroidery & footwear, Gujarat Dress, all kinds of Leather and Jute products, Vegetable print Dress Materials, Imitation Jewellery, Gem Stone Jewellery, Marble Painting, Karnataka Silk Sarees and Channapattana Toys, all kinds of Terracotta items and Handloom items.

JSS Technical Education Division Director Dr. C. Ranganathaiah, Joint Director B.R. Umakant, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Medical Education Division Director R. Mahesh, Finance Division Director S. Puttasubbappa and others were present.

Parliament House blooms at Ooty

A 23-foot high floral replica of the Parliament building made of nearly two lakh red and white carnation is the cynosure of all eyes at the 123rd Flower Show inaugurated by **Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit** at the Government Botanical Gardens in Ooty yesterday.

"It is indeed a matter of pride and happiness that the people of Nilgiris district have played host to the show for several decades, thus exhibiting their love for nature and their appreciation of beauty," the Governor said in his inaugural address.

The Garden has a sprawling expanse of 22 hectares and attracts around 30 lakh tourists every year, hosting an enormous collection of over 2,000 species of flora, he said.

It is the enormous variety that makes the Flower Show a unique event and there are more than 150 varieties of cut flowers, various kinds of tropical and temperate vegetables and tropical and temperate fruit on display. 30,000 potted flowering plants have been specially arranged for the five-day show (May 17 - 21).

NOTE: *Apart from this famous Botanical Gardens and Sims Park in Coonoor, there is also a Garden maintained by Karnataka Government in Ooty called* ***"Karnataka Siri Horticulture Garden"*** *which has been featured in today's* ***Weekend Star Supplement. Turn to Page-9. —Ed***

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Vikram Muthanna

Press Conference: Who needs it?

Yesterday Prime Minister Narendra Modi joined BJP President Amit Shah at a press conference called by the latter. Many of us hoped the journalists would ask him questions and PM Modi would destroy those questions with élan, deploying his abundance of confidence, cache of facts and inimitable sarcasm but nothing happened !

All we got to see was the body language of our PM. He was resting his face on his hands, he caressed his lips a few times, he folded his arms, but mostly he was just looking from left to right — once at the journalists asking the questions and next at Amit Shah who was answering them, it was like he was watching a tennis match — left-right, left-right. It was terribly disappointing.

Press conferences are important in a Democracy to communicate with the citizens directly not allowing any misinterpretation between the question and the answer by the media. It is also used to make a "statement" and garner publicity. Sometimes you may win applause and sometimes may end up embarrassing the party.

Many may recall how Rahul Gandhi tried to make a statement that he was honest and different than the old Congress guard but it went awry? It felt so "set up" because while the then Congress Spokesperson Ajay Maken was sitting at the press conference defending the Congress-moved ordinance aimed at over-turning a Supreme Court order that stated elected representatives convicted and sentenced to over two years in prison will be disqualified immediately. Then his mobile phone rang. He excused himself and in full view of the press, answered the phone. He then got back to his seat and sat quietly.

Even before the press could ask what happened, Rahul Gandhi barged into the press meet, took a seat next to Maken and screeched, "My opinion is that the ordinance is nonsense and should be torn up and thrown out." He then dramatically added, "I will repeat it for you, my personal opinion about the ordinance is that it is complete nonsense, it should be torn and thrown away." He later took a copy and tore it! We thought someone would scream "Cut" to end this drama. In the end, Ajay Maken, Congress Spokesperson, looked like a Congress

Spooked-person and Rahul Gandhi was seen as being erratic, a quality a leader should not have.

This is not the first time that leaders become indifferent in press conferences or go overboard. Noted author and columnist Khushwant Singh wrote about an incident that happened when he was the Indian Press Attaché in England.

It seems, when former PM Nehru visited London, Khushwant Singh had arranged for a lunch meeting with editors of leading British newspapers. Khushwant writes, *"... Halfway through the meal, Nehru fell silent. When questions were put to him, he looked up at the ceiling and did not reply. He proceeded to light a cigarette while others were still eating (which is bad table etiquette). To make matters worse, Krishna Menon (Indian High Commissioner to Britain) fell asleep. The editors left before the coffee was served. It was a disastrous attempt at public relations."*

Nehru was very media-savvy but failed to perform on this occasion probably because he was upset with journalists for publishing a photo of his late night visit with a caption reading: *"Lady Mountbatten's midnight visitor"* in that day's morning newspapers. We wonder what Krishna Menon's excuse was for napping ! Sentry duty perhaps?

So Nehru did not answer questions fielded by international journalists because he was being petty but this may have affected our country because his answers mattered at a time when India had to impress global leaders as we were seeking international aid.

Now interestingly, Dr. Manmohan Singh, a nominated Prime Minister, who was mocked as 'Mauna Mohan Singh' had held more press conferences than elected Prime Minster Modi.

So we have to ask, if the Prime Minister did not want to answer questions, why was he at the press conference at all?

Was it a campaign strategy? Because the Election Commission (EC) had stopped all campaign activities and with Sunday being the last voting day, a press conference would be a good place to show face to the voters and talk about their achievements without being reprimanded by the EC.

Now, if Rahul Gandhi, who often ends up with his foot in the mouth, has confidence to face the press and handle the critics, why not a confident and more experienced Modi? After all, Modi has handled all the hard questions numerous times, so why then this reluctance? Just do it and shut the naysayers once and for all.

Press conference is an indicator of a healthy Democracy where the leader of the nation is confident enough to take on any question and justify his decision. It is also a confidence-building measure — You see your leader's body language, clarity of thought and speech, based on which the people will get a sense if they are in good hands or it's time for government to change hands.

Unfortunately, we didn't get to see this yesterday and let's hope he has not set a new precedent for future governments.

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Ferntastic

If Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have been fighting with each other over Cauvery waters, they have come together to establish 'Karnataka Siri Horticulture Garden', Fern Hill, the second largest public garden in Ootacamund (Ooty) which is known for its wealth of Gardens and Parks. The Park, a gift of the Wadiyars of Mysore, has come as a new-era tourist attraction and paves way for inter-State co-operation through tourism. Read on and walk through the Garden with this *Weekend Star Supplement* and learn how Ferntastically (Fantastically) a mundane potato garden is being transformed into a green space rich with flowers, lakes and landscapes.

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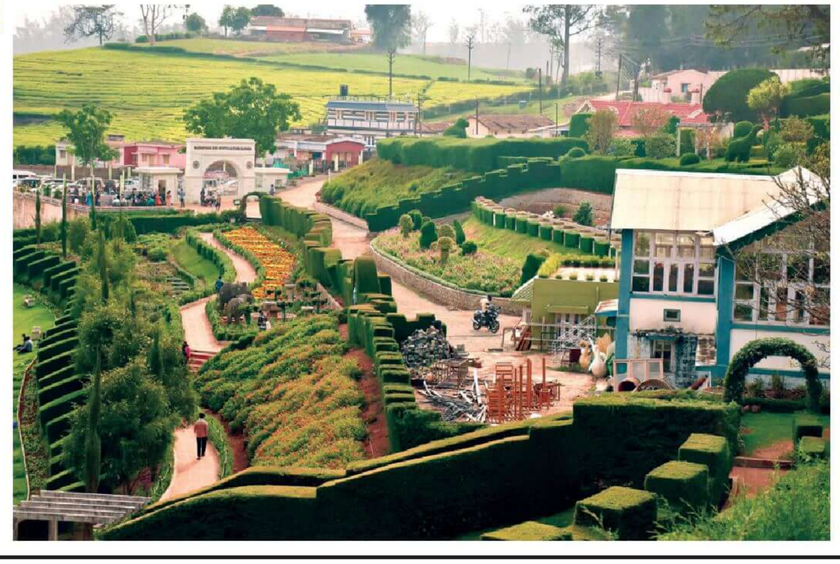
A potato farm blooms into State's Siri Garden



By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Ootacamund or Ooty's 'Fern Hill Palace' has an important Mysuru connection. The property was bought for Prince Chamarajendra Wadiyar by Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. The Fern Hill area is still known as the Mysore area and it was a status symbol for India's Princes to own a Palace at Ooty.

Ooty is also known for another Fern Hill — **'Karnataka Siri Horticulture Garden (KSHG)'**, an inter-State Garden of Karnataka Government that was established in over 38 acres in 'Fern Hill' area. The place was open to public viewing last year on January 8 and till the end of January this year, 13 lakh tourists have visited this Garden.

It is now the second largest public garden in this hill town which is known for its wealth of Gardens and Parks and has come as a new-era tourist attraction and paves the way for inter-State co-operation through tourism.

Established on land which was once the property of erstwhile Mysore kingdom and gifted to the Karnataka Government by the Maharaja in 1964, the KSHG is spread amidst slopes, valleys, check dams, tea gardens, herbal gardens and woods. Frigid Zone glass house, meadows, Italian garden, small lakes, poly green houses and space for Sandino sheep and a specialty of the Nilgiris make up for the scenic elegance in the Garden.

Joint Director of Horticulture and Head of Gardens, Government of Karnataka, **H. Jagadeesha,** who is overseeing the development of KSGH, told *Star of Mysore* that Karnataka has developed this picturesque landscape in the Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu.

Part of Summer Palace

Fern Hill was part of the Maharaja's Summer Palace and for decades it was used as a parent potato garden that supplied seeds to farmers in Kolar, Hassan, Tumkur and Bengaluru Rural. It was also used for horticultural research before independence when the area came under the Mysore royal family. After independence, it went to the Karnataka Government.

Noted botanist and landscape architect **Gustav Hermann Krumbiegel,** who served as a Superintendent of Lalbagh Gardens in Bengaluru from 1908 to early 1930s, was even sent there for research here, he said. Jagadeesh further said the area was chosen for researching on potato tuber production originally, but a pest attack left the area in disuse for several decades. Since it lay unused for a long time, and Ooty is a tourist destination, the Horticulture Department decided to develop a Garden there. The area also neighbours the iconic Fern Hill Palace, now part of a heritage resort, owned by the erstwhile Mysore royal family.

Potato Garden

Horticulture expert **M.H. Mari Gowda** had in the 1940s requested Maharaja Jayachamaraja Wadiyar to arrange for potato cultivation as sourcing seeds from Shimla and Jalandhar was becoming difficult. It was then that the Maharaja invested in the land and set aside for growing potato.

Over the last 10 years, under the care of Botanists from Karnataka, it has been transformed into an oasis of sorts, with flowering plants such as Alstroemeria or Princess Lilies, Begonia, Orchids and Fuchsia. Its landscape includes hillocks, valleys, and six lakes. Visitors are allowed to take pictures and selfies on these scenic spots.

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[Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Symbol of Friendship

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This Garden was built at a cost of Rs.12 crore as symbol of friendship between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. This Park is called Fern Hill with the main intention to attract the tourists with an expected 25 to 30 lakh tourists visits.

About 75 different kinds of flowers have been planted and Frigid Zone Glass House situated since 1979 is home to flowers that grow only at an altitude of 7,000 feet above sea level. It also has rose garden, and flowers like Camellias and since Ooty has a temperate climate, plants like Agapanthuses, Calla lilies, Germaniums, and Red Hot Pokers are attracting visitors.

Topiaries, main takeaway

The Siri Garden is most famous for topiaries that were created nearly 60 years ago, covering an expanse of 10 acres. Three other Gardens within the space — Italian Garden with sculptures and flower arrangements inspired in 15th century villas of Rome and Florence, the Maze Garden, which is an outdoor labyrinth wherein passages are divided by vertical hedge walls and the Tea Garden — are among the attractions. The 'Maze Garden' is made up of Cyprus plants that are shaped to perfection to divide into passages. The 'Maze Garden' culture that evolved from Europe, is intended to confuse visitors inside the natural maze chamber and offers fun activities and recreation.

Art of shapes

The 'topiary' that is seen across the Garden is an art of giving shapes such as animals, birds and other models to thick plants grown in the Garden. Cyprus and Cupress plants grown in the KSHG are attractively crafted. Since flowers are grown in over 30,000 pots, the Garden administration plans to hold a winter flower show.

The Italian Gardens and Sunken Gardens with Amphitheatre facilities that are developed in the Park are also attracting large number of visitors. The Government has allowed these Gardens and the Park to use for film and tele serial shooting, to hold pre-wedding receptions, birthday parties, and to hold other family events on rental basis.

The Gardens are open to the public for educational programmes, tours, and special events, particularly weddings which have taken place for decades on the Wedding Lawn.

Nilgiri sheep

There are plans to set up 'Nilgiri sheep forest' and to rear swans aplenty in the lakes along the walking paths. Plans have been made to rear 20 Nilgiri breed sheep (Neelagiri Giddathali) in around two acres of land.

Parking lot for 600 vehicles

One of the major constraints for the visitors of this hill station is parking. To address this, KSHG has developed the parking lot around three acres of land to accommodate 600 vehicles to get to the park at a time. Plans have been made to put up signboards of this Garden at all four entry and exit points besides provide wide publicity at bus stands, hotels and also other public places.

Second phase of Garden works under progress

Over Rs. 12 crore-project was in progress for the past 10 years and development activities have intensified since 2014. The present garden was developed in 60 per cent of the land (25 acres) in the first phase and works on construction of hanging bridge between the two tea estates, water tower, information centre and a canteen are under progress. 50 per cent of the erection of pillar works of hanging bridge has been completed.

Other than this, the Karnataka Government has been releasing Rs. 2 crore every year for development of this Fern Hill and this will be utilised to add more entertainment-based facilities such as children's play area, water tower, aquarium, to make further improvements in topiary garden, Italian garden and maze garden.

The second phase of the garden development will have a viewpoint, giving tourists a bird's-eye view of the garden, provide eco cars to traverse around the garden and make more slopes than steps to enable tourists to explore the garden tirelessly.

Phase II will also have nearly five water bodies including a chasing fountain, a pool for aquatic species, one for ornamental fish and two dedicated for collection of water through rain water harvesting. **Entry to Siri Garden for public was free for the first three months till March 31 last year and now the Department is collecting Rs.30 from each visitor (children Rs. 15).**

Buddha, Bheem chariots taken out in procession to mark Buddha Purnima

Mysuru, May 18 (PM&NNN)- "Lord Buddha is the messenger of peace, harmony and universal brotherhood. His message in today's strife-torn world is very important and everyone should follow them," said District and Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD).

He was speaking after offering floral tributes to the statues of Buddha and Dr. Ambedkar during the Buddha Purnima Mahatsov organised by Bharat Moola Nivasi Foundation at the Town Hall premises where both the Buddha's statues and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's statue were placed in two chariots to be taken out in a procession.

The Buddha's message of peace is a message to the whole world as it does not discriminate between caste, creed or religion, he said.

Later, replying to a question from the media about the Lok Sabha elections, GTD said that whichever Government comes to power at the Centre it must work for the development of the country and in this sense the teachings of Buddha becomes very important which every political party must follow.

The procession carrying the two raths (chariots) - the Buddha Rath and Bheem Rath (carrying the statue of Dr. Ambedkar and Buddha placed inside)- passed through Gandhi Square, Sayyaji Rao Road, Chikka Gadiyara, Devaraj Urs Road, JLB Road, entered Vinoba Road and reached Kalamandira where the stage programme will begin from 2 pm. Foundation Founder President Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji, Chitradurga Sri Chalavadi Jagadguru Peetha's Basavnagideva Sharanaru, Mudukutore Sri Urilinga Pedda Shaka Mutt's Siddarameshwara Swamiji and others were present.

CESC Vigilance Squad collects over Rs. 1.2 cr. penalty & dues in 2 months

Mysuru, May 18- The CESC Vigilance Squad, which has detected 247 power theft cases in March and April this year, has collected penalty and dues totaling Rs. 1,23,36,414 in those two months.

The Squad, in a drive conducted in March, detected 54 cases of power theft and 68 cases of electricity misuse, booking a total of 122 cases and collecting penalties / dues of Rs. 60,68,902. In April, the Squad detected 52 cases of power theft, 73 cases of electricity misuse, booking a total of 125 cases and collecting penalties / dues of Rs. 62,67,512 totalling Rs. 1,23,36,414.

Public can call the above mentioned phone numbers in case of any power thefts or misuse. The CESC Squad will register criminal cases for unauthorised power connections, illegal power connections to IP sets and houses from Nirantara Jyothi powerlines.

The CESC has also warned against unauthorised electrification of fencing of farm lands and misuse of electricity supplied under Nirantara Jyothi Scheme, according to a release.

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Mandya	08232-223999	9448994919/9448994863
Hassan	08172-233397	9448994935/9448994936
Chamarajanagar	08226-226609	9449598689/9448994926
Madikeri	08272-298006	9449598620/9448499902

Education Loan for minorities under Arivu Scheme

Mysuru, May 18- Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation has invited applications for distribution of financial assistance to students studying in various professional courses after seeking admissions through FRESH/CET/NEET under Arivu Education Loan Scheme for the year 2019-20. Students belonging to religious minority community including Muslim, Christian, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikh, Parsis and Anglo Indians can submit the applications.

Candidates should submit the online application through www.kmdc.kar.nic.in/arivu2. Loan amount sanctioned by the Corporation will be credited directly beforehand to the colleges to which the students have opted to study.

After submitting the online application, candidates should submit printout of the same along with the code, SSLC marks card, Aadhaar card, caste and income certificate, ID/ration card, photos, CET hall ticket, indemnity bond with notary to Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation, No. 446, SKB Vidya Sahaya Sanga, 2nd Floor, Kempa Nanjamba Agrahara, KR Mohalla, Mysuru - 570004 before June 5. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2430080, according to a press release.

Kannada doctor-writers meet in Mangaluru on May 26

Mysuru, May 18 (PM&DM)- The first-ever State Conference of Kannada doctor writers will be held in Mangaluru on May 26.

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here this morning, the conference organising secretary Dr. Annaiah Kulal said that Dr. S.P. Yoganna of Suyog Hospital Mysuru, has been elected as the Conference Chairperson.

Pointing out that "Kannada Vaidya Barahagaarara Balaga", promoted by the State Chapter of Indian Medical Association, Bengaluru, was established in 2017, Dr. Kulal said that Dr. Yoganna and Dr. Veena Bhat of Bhadravati were the first recipients of 'Shreshta Vaidya Sahiti' award.

The one-day conference, that will take place at IMA Hall in Mangaluru, will be inaugurated by the VC of RGUHS Dr. S Sacchidanand at 10.30 am on May 26, he said and added that the conference features talk sessions.

Conference chairperson Dr. Yoganna, IMA Mysuru chapter secretary Dr. M.S. Jayanth, president-elect Dr. Suresh Rudrappa were present at the press conference.

Shoot-out: Gangster's family members in city

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After the inquest, Sukhwinder's body was taken to K.R. Hospital for a full-body scan as per Supreme Court and NHRC guidelines. Later the body was brought back to the mortuary and a post-mortem was conducted after which the body was handed over to the family members.

Apart from three-tier security to the mortuary where no one was allowed inside, special arrangements were made for the post-mortem. An exclusive section was created inside the mortuary for the procedure and other dead bodies waiting for post-mortem were separated from where Sukhwinder's body was examined.

Meanwhile, Karnataka Director General of Police Neelamani N. Raju has issued orders to the Mysuru City Police to hand over the investigation to Crime Investigation Department (CID). The order was issued following guidelines from the Supreme Court. A team led by DSP Chandrashekar of CID has arrived in Mysuru to take over the case.

As per the guidelines, in such cases (encounter or shoot-out), an independent investigation must be conducted by CID or by a team of another Police station under the supervision of a senior Police officer one rank above the officer who led the encounter team. In this case, the DGP ordered a CID probe.

Sources said that Sukhwinder's family members have blamed the Police for the killing. Recording their statements before the Magistrate, they have demanded action and asked for a separate FIR to be registered. Sources said that a separate FIR will not be registered but relevant IPC Sections will be added to the existing FIR based on the family members' statements.

In the meantime, sources said that Mysuru City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna has written to Faridkot SP seeking details of Sukhwinder's antecedents. As Sukhwinder is involved in purchasing demonetised currency notes, the Faridkot Police must have some information about his activities, criminal history and records, the letter stated.

It may be recalled that the entire shoot-out incident revolved around demonetised notes as Sukhwinder and his two accomplices were waiting for a person near S.V. Apartments in a car when the Police surrounded them.

Jain Trade Organisation's gesture towards martyr families

Mysuru, May 18- Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO) is contributing a Rs. 3 crore to all martyr families. Under this, Rs. 3,80,000 will be distributed to family members in Mysuru region. Two cheques will be distributed by JITO Mysore during the installation ceremony of new team at MMC Platinum Jubilee Auditorium, JK Grounds, tomorrow at 6.30 pm. Kalavathi, wife of Pulwama martyr Guru from Maddur and Prithvi, wife of martyr Chandra from Hassan will receive the cheques.

National Apex Member and Zone Chairman Omprakash Jaini, Zone Secretary Praveen Bafna will grace the occasion. Tikamchand Vedmutha will preside while Praveen Dantewadiya Jain and Deepak Kumar Jain B.K. will be administered oath as Chapter Chairman and Chief Secretary respectively. Others in the team are Prakash Dak and Kanthilal S Jain - Vice Chairmen, Goutham Salecha - Secretary, Rajan Baghmar - Treasurer and Goutham Lunkar - Joint Treasurer. Chapter Chief Secretary Ashwin Achha will read out a report, said Deepak Kumar Jain .

Music concert at Alwar Kala Bhavan on Sunday

Sri Krishna Gana Sabha has organised a music concert by **Bellary M. Raghavendra** on Sunday (May 19) at 6 pm at Alwar Kala Bhavan in Gokulam 3rd Stage. He will be accompanied by **R.N. Thyagarajan** on violin, **H.L. Shivashankar Swamy** on mridanga and **M.R. Manjunath** on ghata.

Profile: Bellary M. Raghavendra completed his Master's in Music after graduating in Commerce. He has dedicated his entire career to the field of Karnatak Music. Apart from being an "A Grade" artiste of All India Radio in Karnatak Classical Music, he also has the distinction of being an "A Grade" artiste in Devotional & Light Classical forms of Music. His vibrant and dexterous voice, coupled with clarity in pronunciation has enabled him excel in Classical, Devotional and Light music alike.

He joined the All India Radio as a Programme Executive, and has served in this administrative capacity across multiple locations in Karnataka. He recently retired as the Assistant Station Director of All India Radio.

Raghavendra is also proficient in Morching and Konnakkol.

He grew up in a musical environment which was very inspiring and energising for any youngster with an innate talent in this art-form. He obtained his initial training in Music from his father Bellary M.Venkatesh Achar, who along with his brother Bellary M. Seshagiri Achar formed the renowned "Bellary Brothers" duo. He was also taught and mentored by his uncle Bellary M.Seshagiri Achar. The composing capability of Bellary M. Seshagiri Achar - a composer of great repute, the energetic voice of Bellary M.Venkatesh Achar, and the concert planning & presentation of Bellary Brothers - has had a profound influence on M. Raghavendra.

He has also learnt Hindustani Vocal from Guru Chandrashekar Puranik Matt. Raghavendra's music is a confluence of soulful renditions, lyrical clarity and rhythmic perfection, thanks to his rich musical lineage.

He has performed across India and abroad in many prestigious concert platforms and festivals. He has given many Lecture Demonstrations in classical music. His communication skills coupled with his knowledge of music has made him a great teacher.

Raghavendra has trained many learners in Vocal Music, and he also teaches students abroad over internet.

BHASANGE to present Shree Ramanjaneya Yuddha - Harikatha Kalakshepa tomorrow

Harikathe in Kannada literally means the story of Lord Hari, usually the stories from Ramayana and Mahabharatha. It is a traditional form of story-telling which was very popular in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. In this art form the story-teller uses poetry, music, dance and drama to narrate the stories.

In Hindu mythology the first Harikatha singer was Narada who was a devotee of Lord Vishnu and sang for him. This ancient art form took current form during the Bhakti movement in around 12th century by the then popular Dasas like Purandara Dasa, Kanaka Dasa and many. In those times the Haridasas, the story-tellers, would prefer *Dhanurmasa,* the period between December and January, for going around the villages. This was the time just before *Sankranti* festival, when majority of the population, who were farmers, would be waiting for harvesting and had lot of free time.

During this time the Haridasas used to visit different villages and entertain people by telling stories. Hence this form was also known as *Hari Katha Kalakshepa* meaning spending time listening to Lord Hari's stories. This way Haridasas used to help people to imbibe human values, philosophical thoughts and devotion towards Lord, life and their livelihood through their stories.

Vid. Mohan Kumar

Guru Vid. T.R. Rangaswamy

BHANUVARA SANJE GELEYARA BALAGA, popularly known as BHASANGE Balaga, Mysuru, is making an effort to bring this traditional art form back on to the stage. As their 82nd monthly programme, the Balaga has organised *Harikatha Kalakshepa* titled **Shree Ramanjaneya Yuddha.**

The mythological stories like Ramanjaneya Yuddha go on to present unique aspects of the Hindu religion. These stories not only have a religious significance but also have the deep meaning that teach us many important principles of life. Ramanjaneya Yuddha is a story is about war between Hanuman, who is considered to be the most devoted follower of Rama and Lord Rama himself. Hanuman is always seen worshipping Ram. Due to some dramatic incidences Shree Rama agrees to the orders of his Guru Vishwamitra to kill Hanuman. Hanuman keeps his calm and keeps chanting Rama's name. Because of this flawless devotion all the weapons of Rama, including *Brahmastra,* fails to harm Hanuman in any way.

This way the story conveys the message that devotion towards Rama is more powerful than Rama's own self. Through this story, Hanuman shows us the importance of believing and chanting the name of Rama.

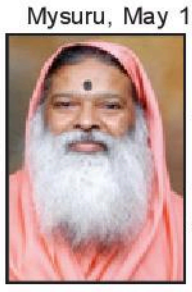
On Sunday, 19th May, the *Harikathe* will be presented by **Vid. Mohan Kumar** from Tumkur. He will be accompanied by his **Guru Vid. T. R. Rangaswamy** on harmonium, **Nandan Kashyap** on mridanga and **N.K. Raghavendra** on tabla.

BHASANGE Balaga welcomes all art connoisseurs and particularly the youngsters who need an introduction to such a wonderful art form of story-telling. The entry for the programme is free.

— C.K. Sanjay Kumar,
President
BHASANGE Balaga

Eight-day event at Ganapathy Ashrama from May 19

To mark Sri Swamiji's 77th birthday, 20th Brahmotsava of Sri Datta Venkateshwara Kshetra and 21st Anniversary of Nada Mantapa



Mysuru, May 18- Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetha, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama, Dattanagar, Mysuru, has organised the following events from May 19 to May 26 as part of the 77th birthday celebrations of Pujya Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, 20th Brahmotsava of Sri Datta Venkateshwara Kshetra and 21st Anniversary of Nada Mantapa at the Ashrama premises. Daily at 8 am, there will be Srichakra Puja and Maha Ganapathi Homa

May 19 (Sunday) 6 pm - Inauguration of Brahmotsava festivities; 7pm – Release of Music Album of Sri Swamiji's compositions; Karnatak violin concert by Nada Nidhi Dr. L. Subramaniam and Vidu. Mahati Subramaniam.

May 20 (Monday) 9 am - Brahmotsava festivities at Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple; 6.30 pm – Laya Lahari: Musical Ensemble on Compositions of Pujya Sri Swamiji led by Vid. H.L. Shiva Shankar Swamy & troupe.

May 21 (Tuesday) 9 am - Brahmotsava festivities at Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple; 6.30 pm – Hindustani Classical & Bhajans, Vocal concert by Vidu. Anjali Gaikwad & Vidu. Nandini Gaikwad.

May 22 (Wednesday) 9 am- Brahmotsava festivities at Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple; 6.30 pm – Karnatak Classical and Bhajans on Indonesian Instrument Angklung by Dr. Anasuya Kulkarni & troupe.

May 23 (Thursday) 9am - Brahmotsava festivities at Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple; 6.30 pm - Teppotsava of Sri Datta Venkateshwara Swamy in Saptarshi Sarovara.

May 24 (Friday) 9 am- Brahmotsava Abhisheka to Sri Datta Venkateshwara Swamy; 6.30 pm – Layatharanga, Percussion Ensemble by Vid. Ravichandra Kulur - Flute, Vid. Karthik - Violin, Vid. Giridhar Udupa – Ghata, Vid. Arun Kumar – Drums, Vid. Pramath Kiran – Afro & Latin Persussions, Vid. Siddhartha Belmannu – Vocal, Vid. Bruthuva Caleb – Bass, Vid. Vivek Santosh & Vid.Varun Pradeep – Keyboards, Vid. Anirudha Bhat – Mridangam, Vid. Karthik Krishna & Vid.Roopak Kallurkar – Tabla.

May 25 (Saturday) 10 am - Annual Gnana Bodha Sabha and DYC Conference; 5 pm – Distribution of charities; 6 pm – Chaitanya Archana : Conferring of Datta Peetha Titles — Veda Nidhi - Gullapalli Seetharamachandra Ghanapathi, Rajahmundry; Shastra Nidhi - Dr. Devadatta Patil, Goa; Nada Nidhi - Vid. Karaikudi R. Mani, Chennai; Asthana Vidwan - Dr. Sanat Kumara Sharma, Matturu; Asthana Vidwan - Vid. Abhishek Raghuram, Chennai; Asthana Vidwan - Pt. Yogesh Samshi, Mumbai; Asthana Vidwan - Vid. Giridhar Udupa, Bengaluru; Datta Peetha Bandhu - Kalyan Das, Hyderabad; Datta Peetha Bandhu - Burra Bhaskara Dutt, Hyderabad; Jayalakshmi Puraskar - Pushpa Iyengar, Mysuru; Vishwa Hindu - Narendra Chowdary, Hyderabad; Praani Bandhu - Dr. H. Subhash, Mysuru; Sasya Bandhu - Jyoti N. Parekh, Mumbai.

May 26 (Sunday)- 77th Birthday Celebrations of Pujya Sri Swamiji; 7 am – Mrutyunjaya and Ayushya Homa; 9 am – Pratyaksha Pada Puja to Pujya Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji; 10.30 am – Samarpana by devotees; 6 pm – Piano recital by Jens Meru Keller from Denmark.

For details contact Ashrama Office on Ph: 2486486 or Temple Office on Ph: 2483200.

Former Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath injured

Hunsur, May 18- Former Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath has been injured in an accident at Greece and was admitted at a private hospital in city.

Manjunath, along with his wife Supriya and family members, had gone to Greece on a trip when the accident occurred.

According to reports, the former MLA and his wife were on a bike to climb a mountain in an adventure activity when he lost balance and fell off. He sustained fractures on his right hand and his fingers. He has been brought back to Mysuru and is recuperating at the private hospital.

Reports said that Dr. Ajay Hegde performed surgeries on Manjunath and is recuperating at his home at Saraswathipuram.

Gold worth Rs.1.6 lakh stolen from vanity bag

Mysuru, May 18 (YDS&US)- A miscreant is said to have stolen a purse kept in the vanity bag of a devotee at Chamundi Hill here recently which reportedly contained 70 gm of gold jewels worth about Rs.1.6 lakh.

The incident happened on May 14 when Thimmappa from Shivamogga had come with family members to the Hill Temple. Seeing a heavy crowd, Thimmappa's wife Shantala was said to have passed on the vanity bag to her aunt Lalitha to secure it.

After the *darshan*, when they opened the vanity bag the purse containing the jewels was found missing. A case has been registered at K.R. Police Station.

Man assaulted for asking change for Rs.2,000

Mysuru, May 18 (RK&SR)-A youth allegedly assaulted another youth over the issue of asking a change for Rs.2,000 currency note in a incident that occurred at a Bar and Restaurant in Bilikere of Hunsur taluk yesterday.

Umesh of Bilikere had purchased grocery items from a shop, located adjacent to the Bar. He was assaulted by one Sachin at the Bar when he asked the change for Rs.2,000 note from him. Umesh who was injured in this fight, was rushed to JSS Hospital where he is undergoing treatment. Bilikere Police have registered a case.

JD(S) Legislature Party Meeting on May 21

Bengaluru, May 18 (KMS&DM)- With the results of the Lok Sabha Polls likely to have bearing on State politics, JD(S), a partner in the coalition Government, has convened a JD(S) Legislature Party Meeting at Bengaluru on May 21.

The May 21 meeting, just two days before the counting of LS Polls votes on May 23, assumes significance.

JD(S) is said to have convened the meeting to discuss the strategies to be adopted as the LS Polls result will certainly have fallout on State politics.

The meeting is also learnt to have been called at the behest of JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda, who wants to have a meeting with the party Legislators ahead of the LS Polls results.

All MLAs and MLCs of the party have been asked to attend the meeting. The meeting is also said to be a prelude to the meeting of all non-NDA Opposition parties called by Congress leader Sonia Gandhi in New Delhi on May 23, the day of counting of LS Polls votes.

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21.5.2019 – Tuesday:
9.00 am - Brahmotsava festivities at Sri DattaVenkateshwara Temple
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22.5.2019 – Wednesday:
9.00 am - Brahmotsava festivities at Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple
6.30 pm - Carnatic Classical and Bhajans on Indonesian Instrument Angklung by Dr. Anasuya Kulkarni & troupe

23.5.2019 – Thursday:
9.00 am - Brahmotsava festivities at Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple
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24.5.2019 – Friday:
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25.5.2019 – Saturday:
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Tata Steel PGTI Players Golf Championship 2019

Rashid Khan wins title

City's Yashas Chandra fares well

Rashid Khan

Chandigarh, May 18- Delhi's Rashid Khan, who largely went unnoticed on the first three days of the Rs.30 lakh TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship presented by Chandigarh Golf Club, knocked out all his closest rivals with a gallant final round of six-under-66 to register a two-shot victory at 13-under-275.

Mysuru lad M.S. Yashas Chandra returned with a good performance on the final day with a card of two-under-70 and finished joint 29th with a four-day aggregate score of one-under-287 (69+71+77+70). Yashas on a fine note finished the season eighth on the prize-money earnings.

The 28-year-old Rashid (70-68-71-66), a two-time Asian Tour winner, earned a just reward for firing the last day's best score as he lifted his 12th professional trophy which was also his 10th on the PGTI.

Khan's second title of the season pushed him up from second place to first position in the 2019 TATA Steel PGTI Order of Merit as his season's earnings now read Rs.25,68,453.

Rashid overtook previous money list leader Chikkarangappa of Bengaluru.

Noida's Gaurav Pratap Singh (69-67-71-70) and round three leader Shankar Das (68-68-68-73) of Kolkata, who were both in contention till the final stages at the Chandigarh Golf Club (CGC), claimed joint second position at 11-under-277.

The highest-placed golfers from the host city of Chandigarh were the trio of Aadil Bedi (67), Karandeep Kochhar (68) and Harendra Gupta (69) as they all ended up in tied eighth with matching totals of seven-under-281.

ICC releases official song for Cricket World Cup 2019

Dubai, May 18- The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Friday released the official song for Cricket World Cup 2019 - 'Stand By', a collaboration between new artist LORYN and well-known British band, Rudimental. The song will be played will be played in grounds and city events across the tournament as the official song to this summer's showpiece event, starting May 30.

The World Cup is one of the world's biggest global sporting events. The 10-team tournament will get underway with hosts England facing South Africa at the Kennington Oval, London.

The quadrennial showpiece, beginning with a round-robin format, will see each team playing nine matches before the final four face-off in the final on July 14 at the Lord's in London.

A total of 48 matches will be played over a span of a month and 15 days, with Australia putting their title in defence. Australia are also the most successful team in World Cup history with five title

under their belt.

India have two World Cup trophies to their name, with their last triumph coming in the year 2011, under the captaincy of MS Dhoni.

India will begin their World Cup 2019 campaign against South Africa on June 5 at the Rose Bowl in Southampton.

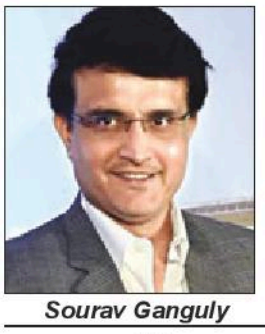
Sourav Ganguly, Sanjay Manjrekar among Panel of Commentators

Dubai, May 18- Sourav Ganguly and Sanjay Manjrekar are among the commentators who have been included in the lineup announced by the International Cricket Council (ICC) that will be covering the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 in England and Wales.

Former Australian batsman Michael Clarke, who lifted the 2015 World Cup as captain, will be making his World Cup commentary debut while the likes of Nasser Hussain, Ian Bishop, Kumar Sangakkara, Michael Atherton, Brendon McCullum, Graeme Smith and Wasim Akram are also part of the panel.

The lineup of commentators also includes prominent names such as Shaun Pollock, Michael Slater, Mark Nicholas, Michael Holding, Isa Guha, Pommie Mbangwa, Melanie Jones, Harsha Bhogle, Simon Doull, Ian Smith, Ramiz Raja, Alison Mitchell, Athar Ali Khan and Ian Ward.

The broadcasters will provide its viewers with



Sourav Ganguly

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coverage which comprises of a minimum 32 cameras at every game, including 8 ultra-motion Hawk-Eye cameras, front and reverse view stump cameras and Spidercam.

In a first for the World Cup, the broadcast will produce 360 degree replays, which lets several camera feeds to be stitched together to create a video that offers thorough analysis of the moments in the match.

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ITF Men Kampala Tennis Tourney

Prajwal Dev-Bolotov duo goes down in semis

Kampala, May 18- Mysuru lad S.D. Prajwal Dev and Russian Sergev Bolotov went down in the semi-finals of Doubles in the $15,000 ITF Men's Tennis Tournament at Kampala, Uganda, on Friday.

In the semi-finals, India's Anirudh Chandrashekar and Niki Kaliyanda Poonacha beat Prajwal Dev and Sergev Bolotov 6-2, 6-4 and entered the final.

Campus Placements

Mysuru, May 18- GSSS Institute of Engineering College for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, has registered best placements for its 2019 outgoing batch. In the placement season, which started during August 2018, more than 63 companies have visited the GSSSIETW campus recruiting with 291 offers made to the students with highest salary offered as 10.7 LPA.

The highlight of this year placement season was participation of premium recruiters like VMware (10.7 LPA), Amazon (10 LPA), GE Digital (9 LPA), Applied Materials (8.4 LPA), Samsung R&D (7 LPA), INFORMATICA (6.95 LPA) , Scientific Games(6 LPA), ABB Ltd (6 LPA) ,UNISYS (5.3 LPA), JARO (5.16 LPA), SIEMENS (5 LPA), according to a press release from the College.

'Shakthi Sthaavara-2019'

Open Day Project Expo

Mysuru, May 18- An open day project exhibition 'Shakthi Sthaavara-2019' was organised by the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, GSSS Institute of Engineering College for Women, Mysuru, in association with ISLE Student Chapter and Karnataka Centre & Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Ltd. (KREDL), on May 3.

The event was inaugurated by chief guest S. Adarsh, Founder & Director at Enhanced Education Pvt. Ltd., Vice-President - Growth & Strategy, North America, ExcelSoft Technologies in the presence of Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, Mysuru, Dr. S. Vagdevi, Dean -Academics, Professor & HoD, Department of EEE, staff and students of Department and the participants from various Engineering Colleges.

Inaugural function was followed by the project exhibition. The students from various Colleges and GSSSIETW participated & presented their project models in the event.

The Jury members for the event were Dr. A.D. Srinivasan, Professor, Department of EEE, JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru and Dr. S.R. Bhagyashree, Professor, Dept. of ECE, ATME, Mysuru.

The projects were demonstrated in four different domains, namely Electronics and Communication, IOTs and its applications, Power & Energy System, Electrical Machines and Automation. Among the 40 plus teams of students, who presented their project models, four teams were selected as Best Projects and were awarded a cash prize of Rs.1,500 along with participation certificate. The rest of the teams who presented their working models, simulations also received the participation certificates.

AWARD-WINNING TEAMS

1. V. Preetham, B. Satish, Danish Junaidi and Syed Hajira for the project 'Semiconductor Based Refrigeration Using Temperature Duty Cycle Technique' from VVCE Mysuru.

2. K. Manoj Gowda, E.S. Sajid Ahmed, K.N. Shambhavi and K.R. Divya for the project 'Rapid Prototype Using Additive Manufacturing' from VVCE.

3. K.S. Meghana, C.A. Mythri, S. Swathi and M.T. Tanishk for 'Smart Village' from GSSSIETW Mysuru.

4. Suraj Sudhakar for 'Cross Function Agribot' from Global Academy of Technology, Bengaluru.

'GST is not just tax reform but business reform as well'

Seen in the picture are (from left) S. Ranganathan, Convenor, CII Finance & Taxation Panel & CFO, Automotive Axles Ltd., Amit Kumar, Vice-Chairman, CII Mysuru and Business Unit Head - Metering a Protection Systems, Larsen & Toubro Limited, D.P. Nagendra Kumar, Principal Chief Commissioner of Central Tax, Bengaluru Zone, G. Narayanaswamy, Commissioner, Mysuru Commissionerate and Rabindra Sahoo, Co-Convenor, CII Finance & Taxation Panel and Vice-President - Finance, Cyient DLM, at the interaction session on GST, organised by CII, Mysuru, in city recently.

Mysuru, May 18- "GST is not merely tax reform, it is business reform as well," opined D.P. Nagendra Kumar, Principal Chief Commissioner, Central Tax, Bengaluru. He was speaking during an interaction session on GST organised by CII Mysuru - Finance and Taxation Panel at Hotel Southern Star here recently.

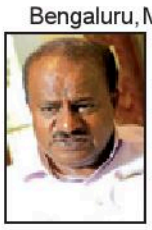
"Earlier, apart from multiple taxes we had huge cascading on supply change but now it is gradually coming down. When we look back to the developed countries in the world who had implemented GST, we are better placed. Implementing GST in a federal system of ours was not an easy task. It required Constitution amendments and political maturity. After getting passed in Rajya Sabha, it hardly took two months to get implemented in most of the States. Though many countries, after implementing, had impact on inflation and huge political crisis, India managed pretty well and kept its stakeholders more comfortable. For example, four years after implementing GST, Malaysia rolled back GST," he said.

The Principal Chief Commissioner also mentioned that there was a report few days back that due to lack of electronic preparedness, close to Rs.50,000 crore frauds have been committed.

Briefing about GST portal, he also called upon the participants representing various industries to come out with their issues so that if there are any major issues, it can be brought or taken up in the GST Council.

The interactive session, answering all the queries of the participants of more than 80 Tax Professionals from Mysuru, took more than two hours and the Principal Chief Commissioner addressed all the queries related to GST.

State Govt. mulls setting up of 'water grid'



Kumaraswamy

Bengaluru, May 18 (KMS&DM)- With the State undergoing a severe crisis due to a long spell of drought, the Government is mulling on setting up of 'water grid' on the lines of power grid in the State. With rivers and other water bodies drying up fast due to soaring heat and scanty rainfall, most parts of the State, especially rural areas are facing a serious water crisis.

Taking stock of the alarming drinking water woes, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy is said to have directed the officials to come up with a blue print on establishing 'water grid,' through which water can be drawn directly from water sources and river beds using large pipes and supplied to crisis places.

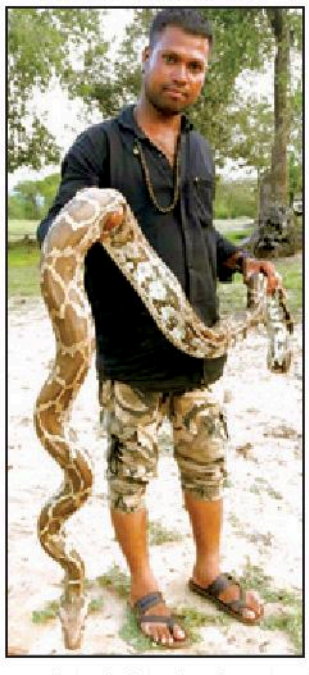
The CM, who held a high level meeting on drinking water crisis on Friday, was apprised on the gravity of the situation by the Chief Secretary, following which the CM instructed the Irrigation Department officials to chalk out plans for establishing the grid.

The proposed 'water grid' is expected to work on the lines of 'power grid' where power is received and distributed through a point.

Following the plan, the Government has Rs.1,360 crore for the project as first instalment.

The Govt. is hopeful that establishment of grid will be a permanent solution for drinking water crisis, as water will be drawn directly from sources using a wide pipeline network with very little scope for wastage of water.

Python struggling to swallow peacock rescued



Chamarajanagar, May 18 (US)- A huge python, which was struggling having swallowed half of a peacock, was rescued by a snake rescuer at Hondarabalu village in the taluk recently.

The python was believed to have caught the peacock near a haystack in front of the farm house of one Rajesh. Half-way-through and unable to swallow the whole peacock, the python was struggling under suffocation.

Rajesh on seeing the plight of the python informed the Forest Department and the snake rescuer popularly called Snake Champ.

Champ, along with Forest staff and villagers, managed to pull the peacock out of the mouth of the python which was saved from near death. The nearly 9ft long python was later left to the forest region. To ensure sumptuous food for the python, the extricated portion of the peacock too was left near the snake, said Champ speaking to *Star of Mysore.*

CHANGE OF NAME

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WORD OF THE DAY

Gridiron

Pronunciation: GRID-eye-ern.
Meaning: A grate for broiling food, something consisting of or covered with a network, a football field.

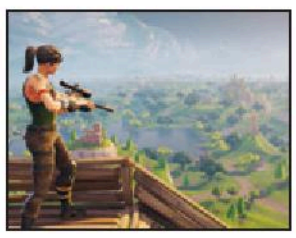
Origin: Modern gridirons are covered in football players when they're in use, but the original gridirons were more likely to be covered with meat or fish; they were metal gratings used for broiling food over an open fire. In Middle English, such a grating was called a gredil, a root that gave modern English both gridiron and griddle. How did gridiron become associated with football? That happened in the late 1800s, when a white grid pattern was added to football fields to help enforce new rules about how many yards a team had to gain to keep possession of the ball. From high up in the stands, the lines made the playing fields look like cooking gridirons.
Example: Despite his prowess on the gridiron, he received little attention from Division-I football programs. — Tom Layberger, Forbes, 14 Sept. 2018 [Thomas] Jefferson wanted wide streets, lots of land reserved for public space, and a rectangular pattern of streets. L'Enfant insisted on radial avenues that intersect a gridiron of streets at odd angles. Many city planners believe that if Jefferson's plan had been adopted, there would be fewer traffic problems in Washington, D.C., today. — Ann Feetham, Cobblestone, 1 Sept. 2012.

THE ODD WORD

Gallus
Bold or daring

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The game is up



Meaning: Used to tell someone that you know what their secret activities or plans are and that these cannot continue.
The original meaning was 'the game is over - all is lost'. More recently it has come to be used to mean ' we have seen through your tricks - your deceit is exposed'.
Origin: From Shakespeare's Cymbeline, 1611:
Euriphile, Thou wast their nurse; they took thee for their mother,
And every day do honour to her grave:
Myself, Belarius, that am Morgan call'd,
They take for natural father. The game is up.
Example: Some thought they would hold out until Sunday. The realists knew that the game was already up.

QUOTE BOX

It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things. **— Leonardo Da Vinci**

RIDDLE THIS

Answer this rebus ?

1.
2. blame
3. blame

Answer : No one to blame.

SUDOKU

		5		9			6	
6				2		7		
	1				8			9
		7	9		4			
4	5			6			9	8
			1		5	2		
5			3				2	
		6		1				4
	2			4		6		

Answer to previous puzzle

1	4	2	9	6	5	3	8	7
6	7	8	4	3	2	5	1	9
5	3	9	8	7	1	6	4	2
2	6	3	7	9	8	1	5	4
9	8	7	1	5	4	2	6	3
4	5	1	3	2	6	7	9	8
3	1	5	2	4	9	8	7	6
8	2	4	6	1	7	9	3	5
7	9	6	5	8	3	4	2	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Egyptian symbol - "neat" anagram?
5 Mix, agitate or shake
9 No longer new
12 Indian sage or wise man
13 Soybean product
14 A male human offspring
15 Its fission will give us nuclear energy
16 An obsession (4,4)
18 Spouse for the wife
20 Be in harmony with, in a way?
21 Pull laboriously
22 In the lap of ____: very well off?
25 Norwegian composer - "e.g. rig" anagram?
28 Flyer from Seoul
29 "Take On Me" group
30 Mister German?
31 Decimal multiple?
32 Famous architect
33 Music is sometimes played by this
34 Cut and dried grass
35 Eskimo canoe
36 Revised copies
38 Young sibling
39 Tic ___ toe : children's game?
40 City in Rajasthan
44 Say it to be polite and appreciative? (5,3)
47 Mr Nasty Natase of tennis?
48 ___ that : other than that?
49 ___ down: disappoints or fails?
50 Loch ___: Scottish monster lake?
51 Sandra ___ : famous actress of days gone by?
52 Being in Latin
53 General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

E	R	R	S	■	J	O	G	■	S	A	G	S
T	H	E	P	I	A	N	O	■	F	I	R	S
C	E	I	L	■	W	A	N	D	E	R	E	R
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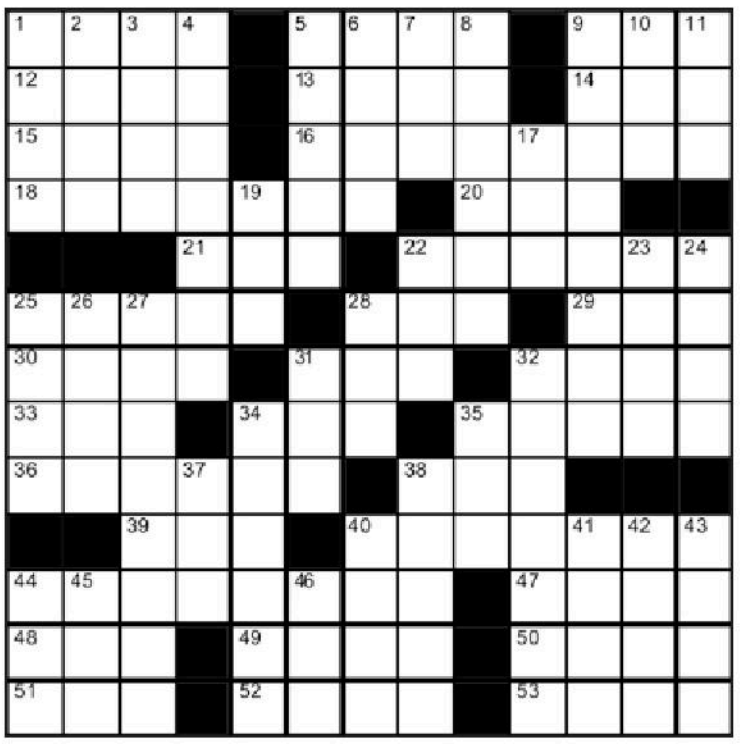
L	I	M	P	■	C	O	L	L	A	P	S	E
M	A	S	S	■	H	E	E	■	R	E	A	L

DOWN
1 Oriental nanny - "a ham" changed?
2 Ballerina's skirt
3 "Nose" anagram for Adam's grandson?
4 More supple or fleet-footed, in a way?
5 Insect bite
6 Sweeney ___ : The Demon Barber of Fleet Street
7 In-flight entertainment
8 Sorry, contrite or penitent
9 Death announcement
10 Brine cured salmon?
11 Coloring material
17 Mend or repair
19 Eighth month, in short
22 Local Area Network, abbr.
23 Moon of Saturn discovered in 1672 - "hare" anagram?
24 Jerk
25 Clarified butter, used in Indian cooking
26 Pore over
27 Annoy
28 Lock opener
31 Fraction
32 Using soap and water?
34 Interrupt the speaker from the floor?
35 Baby goat
37 Convert to leather
38 Drench or marinate
40 ___ down: note down briefly?
41 Entreaty
42 Hebridean isle - "suit" anagram?
43 Remainder
44 To Be Determined
45 ___ and cry : a large outcry?
46 The affirmative



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

P IPX'M SFFCM PUN INPMLUNH YV WEN

HNRWE FB EJM RFQCNWM

TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Avoid the crowd. Do your own thinking independently. Be the chess player, not the chess piece.

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	Lakshmi	2443584	M.Show
Kanchana 3	Lakshmi	2443584	3 Shows
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99	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Kavaludaari	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Premier Padmini	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Yajamana	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Mr. Local	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Ayogya	Sangam	2520494	3 Shows
TELUGU			
Vinaya Vidheya Rama	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
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	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Magnet	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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Mr. Local (Ta)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Premier Padmini (K)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Maharshi (Te)	(S-1)	6.35 pm; (S-2) 10 am
	(S-3)	3.55 pm
De De Pyaar De (H)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-3)	1.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
The Tashkent Files (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
ABCD (Te)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Ratnamanjarii (K)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Natpuna Ennanu Theriyuma (Ta)	(S-3)	10.45 am
John Wick: Chapter 3 – Parabellum (E)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Mookavismitha (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am
Student Of The Year 2 (H)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Pokemon Detective Pirachu (E)	(S-4)	4.10 pm

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De De Pyaar De (H)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 1.05 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.45 pm
	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Maharshi (Te)	(S-2)	4.00 pm; (S-3) 9.40 pm
Kaarmoda Saridu (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm
Avengers: Endgame (E-3D)	(S-1)	9.35 pm
Student Of The Year -2 (H)	(S-3)	10.05 am, 6.40 pm
	(S-2)	1.00 pm
Howla Howla (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Ratnamanjari (K)	(S-4)	6.45 pm
Mr. Local (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm; (S-4) 9.50 pm
Pokemon Detective Pirachu (E)	(S-4)	11.00 am; (S-2) 7.35 pm
ABCD (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 am
	(S-4)	3.40 pm

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Mr. Local (Ta)	9.30 am, 6.35 pm
De De Pyaar De (H)	9.35am, 12.30pm, 3.55, 7.05, 10pm
ABCD (Te)	9.45 am, 6.40 pm
Maharshi (Te)	9.55 am, 3.25 pm, 10.00 pm
Student Of The Year 2 (H)	12.45 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Premier Padmini (K)	12.55 pm
Kaarmoda Saridu (K)	1.35 pm
Ratnamanjarii (K)	3:30 pm
Howla Howla (K)	4.05 pm
Avengers: Endgame (E-3D)	9.50 pm

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EVENTS TODAY (MAY 18)

JSS Mahavidyapeetha - JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: 104th thematic handicrafts exhibition, Urban Haat premises, #Plot No. 432, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**

Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra: First Anniversary, Sri Venkateshwara Kalyanotsava, **4 pm;** Stage programme, **6.45 pm;** Prasadam distribution, Kendra premises, Vishwa Madhwa Mahaparishat, Uttaradi Mutt, Revenue Layout, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **8 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Story-telling for kids by Prathibha Gururaj, Social Worker & Programme Comperer, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

RAAGA Music Academy, Mysuru: Music for Wellness, talk on 'Healthy living through Ayurveda and Yoga' by Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy, Director, Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre, Mysuru, **4.30 pm to 5.15 pm;** Lec-Dem on 'Nuances of Hindustani Classical Music' by Pt. Indudhar Nirody, Mysuru, accompanied by Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Pt. Ramesh Dhannur on tabla, Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre, #434, 'Melody,' A and B Block, Vishwamanava Double Road, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**

Mahabelaku, Mysuru: Gautama Buddha Jayanti, Sangeetha Dhyana Kavi Goshti (Music-Meditation-Poets' Meet) programme, Banthe Kalyanasiri of Vishwamythri Buddha Vihara inaugurates, BMS Engineering College - Bengaluru Director Prof. Sakya Shyam and Nagasiddartha Holeyar main speakers, thinker and writer N. Divakar presides over the poets' meet, Geetha Gayana - Dhyana - Samskrutika Mela by Narayanaswamy and troupe, Dhamma Sangati Kathana Vaachana (Zen) by writer Sosale Gangadhar and Beladingala Gayana (Moonlight Music) by Parivartana, Mysuru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **5 pm.**

Akhila Bharata Yuvajana Trust, Ashokapuram: Buddha Purnima celebrations, former President of Agastya Co-operative Society S. Ramakrishna presides, RSS Dakshin Pranth Sanchalak M. Venkatramji inaugurates, KSOU Registrar Prof. B. Ramesh, Law Professor Ramesh, Folk Research Asst. Dr. Vasudeva Murthy chief guests, Bhagini Seva Samaja, **5 pm.**

Tanumana Samsthe, Mysuru: 'Jaga Nadeyali Buddhana Kadege' — a musical tribute to Buddha, Buddha Prakasha Bantheji graces the occasion, Sri Jnana Prakasha Swamiji inaugurates, ZP Member Beerihundi Basavanna presides, Dvanyaloka, Bogadi Road, nest to Speech and Hearing Institute, **5.30 pm.**

Mysore Science Foundation (MSF): Monthly Science Lecture Series, 74th lecture on 'The Perceived Benefits of Generic Versus Branded Medicines,' Dr. N. Rajesh, Coordinator, Sri Nataraja Institute of Health Sciences, Mysuru, resource person, Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, **5.30 pm.**

Vishwa Mythri Buddha Vihara: Buddha Purnima - Stage Programme, Kalyanasiri Bantheji graces the occasion, Sarananda Bantheji will be present, former Minister Sreenivasa Prasad presides, talk on 'Buddha Thoughts' by Dr. M.T. Krishnamurthy of D. Banumaiah's College, former Mayor V. Purushotham delivers keynote address, Buddha Vihara, Dr. Ambedkar Road, Ashoka Circle, **6 pm.**

Suttur Mutt, Mysuru branch: Monthly Moonlight Music, vocal concert by Vid. Pattabhirama Pandit, accompanied by Vid. Mysore A. Chandan Kumar on flute, Vid. H.S. Sudheendra and Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

Mysore Literary Association: Lecture-cum-demonstration on Classical Music by Vid. Manasa Nayana, accompanied by Vid. Sumanth Manjunath on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Rotary Mysore West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sanatana Sabha: Discourse on 'Ramayana Aranyakanda' by Vid. G.N. Bhat, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.15 pm to 8 pm.**

Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology: Annual Cultural Fest - GraVVIETy-2019, Music Performance by The Doorbeen and Lagori, VVIET Grounds, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 19)

Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham - Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama: 77th Birthday of Sri Ganapathy Swamiji, 20th Brahmotsava of Sri Datta Venkateshwara Kshetra and 21st Anniversary of Nada Mantapa, Srichakra Puja and Maha Ganapati Homa, **8 am;** Inauguration of Brahmotsava festivities, **6 pm;** Release of Music Album of Sri Swamiji's compositions, Karnatak Violin Concert by Nada Nidhi Dr. L. Subramaniam and Vidu. Mahati Subramaniam, Ashrama premises, Dattanagar, **7 pm.**

JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: 104th thematic handicrafts exhibition, Urban Haat premises, #Plot No. 432, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Women's Wing and Sneha Sinchana Trust, Mysuru: Book release — K.S. Pradeep Kumar's "Charlie Chaplin" — and Poets' Meet (poems on Mother's Day), Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath inaugurates, senior writer Dr. Manjula Umesh presides, social worker K. Raghuram releases the book, Parishat Women's Wing President M.N. Latha Mohan speaks, felicitation to author by senior writer Dr. Pushpa Iyengar, Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna and former President Maddikere Gopal special invitees, poet K.S. Pradeep Kumar will be present, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Bhavan, Vijayanagar, **10 am.**

Nisarga Trust: Organic Farmers Market, Trust premises, #794, 10th Main Road, JSS College Road, J.P. Nagar, **10 am.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Roopa Prakashana: Book release — 'Samudayada Nayakaru' and 'Samajamukhi Srisamanyaru,' written by journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar — by Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, Ministers G.T. Devegowda, S.R. Mahesh, C. Puttaranga Shetty, former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and former MLA Vasu chief guests, Kalamandira, **11 am.**

Mysuru District Gamaka Kala Parishat: Kavya Vyasanga Goshti-22, PuTiNa's 'Srihari Charite - Ullasa 22 - Govindapattabhishekam' Vaachana by Vidu. N. Srimathi, Bengaluru and Vyakhyaana by Vid. Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Mysuru, No.1315/2, Haripriya, 3rd Cross Road, Krishnamurthypuram, **11 am to 1 pm.**

Studio Pepperfry and Sanchi Foundation: 'Live Theatrical with Improve Spontaneity Workshop' by Manju Kasaragodu, Alumnus of Ninasam, Studio Pepperfry, **4.30 pm to 7 pm. [Ph: 0821-4264200 or 9663811994]**

Sri Sahitya Samrajya Nataka Mandali: 'Lokesh Nenapu' programme marking 73rd birth anniversary of veteran actor Lokesh, senior theatre Director Chindodi Bangaresh will be conferred Subbaiah Naidu Award, TV Actress and Danseuse Shylakshi Sudarshan will be conferred Lakshmi Bai Award and veteran actor Ramesh Bhat will be conferred Lokesh Award; former Karnataka Nataka Academy Chairman Srinivas G. Kappanna presides, Suruchi Rangamane's Vijaya Sindhuvalli and Natana Rangashale's Mandya Ramesh guests of honour, senior theatre personality Rajashekar Kadamba and actor Shankar Ashwath will be felicitated, staging of play 'Mruchhakatika,' directed by Mandya Ramesh, by Natana artistes, Natana Rangashale (Natana School of Theatre Arts), Ramakrishnanagar, **5 pm.**

Tender Step Kindergarten: Staging of play 'Sri Krishna Garudi - Bheemarjuna Gharvabhanga' by Summer Camp Kids, directed by Yatheesh N. Kollegala and Praveen Belli, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivrathanandaji speaks on 'Kaliyugada Vyasa Sri Mahendranatha Gupta,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Kalpa Kshetra- Centre for Heritage & Culture: Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Founder, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), Mysuru, delivers a talk on 'Development Leadership & Political Leadership - A Comparative Perspective,' Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, **6.30 pm.**

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